

**Montana DNRC Forested State Trust Lands Draft Environmental Impact Statement
and Habitat Conservation Plan (Draft EIS/HCP)**

Distribution of Draft EIS/HCP for public review

June 23, 2009
Land Board

Informational Item:

- **Project Overview:** Since 2003, the Department of Natural Resources Conservation has been developing a voluntary multi-species HCP with technical assistance from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The HCP intends to sustain DNRC management practices over time while conserving habitat for five fish and wildlife species, three of which are listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA): grizzly bear, Canada lynx, and bull trout.
- **Distribution of Draft EIS/HCP:** DNRC and USFWS are planning to distribute the Draft EIS/HCP for public review on June 24th.
- **Public Comment:** The public will be invited to comment on the documents during a 90-day review period: June 26th through September 25th.
- **Public Meetings:** Public meetings will be held in Kalispell, Helena, and Missoula:

Kalispell

Date: Monday, July 20th, 2009

Time: 2:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Venue: Flathead Valley Community College, Arts and Technology Building,
Room 139

Helena

Date: Tuesday, July 21st, 2009

Time: 2:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Venue: Best Western Great Northern Hotel

Missoula

Date: Thursday, July 23rd, 2009

Time: 2:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Venue: Doubletree Hotel

- **For More Information:** To request a copy of the Draft EIS/HCP or for more information on the DNRC's HCP, interested persons are asked to visit the website at <http://dnrc.mt.gov/HCP/default.asp> or to contact the HCP Planning Team at:

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